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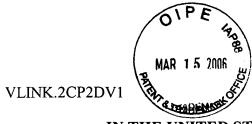
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 13, 2006, Applicant elects the invention designated by the Examiner as Group II (Claims 26-35) for prosecution in the present application. With respect to the Species, Applicant elects: 1) Valves: Figure 7a; 2) Bone Anchors: Figures 10-12; and 3) Screwdrivers: Figure 14. With respect to the elected species, Applicant submits that Claims 26-35 read on the elected species. The present election is being made without traverse. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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